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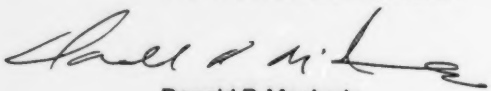
To His Honour
The Honourable Lloyd R. Crouse, P.C.
Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

May It please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council for the year ending December 31, 1988.

I have the honour to be, Sir:

Your most obedient servant,



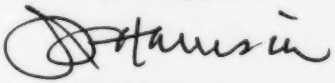
Donald P. MacInnis
Minister

Honourable Donald P. MacInnis
Minister
Department of the Environment
Province of Nova Scotia

Dear Sir:

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report of the Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council for the year ending December 31, 1988.

Respectfully yours,



James L. Harrison
Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The Nova Scotia Environmental Control Council is a citizens' advisory board to the Minister of the Environment. The Council was established under the Environmental Protection Act, Statues of Nova Scotia 1973, Chapter 6. SNS 1973C.6.

This Annual Report is submitted under Section 16 of the Environmental Protection Act and describes Council activities during the 1988 calendar year.

STRUCTURE

The Nova Scotia Environmental Protection Act, Chapter 6, of the Statues of Nova Scotia sets out the composition, function, and responsibilities of the Environmental Control Council.

The Act provides for 12 to 15 members to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council to represent eleven specific disciplines or sectors of society: Academic, Agriculture, Conservation, Engineering, Fishery, Forestry, Health, Industry, Labour, Legal, Municipal. In addition, the members of the Council are expected to reflect, insofar as possible, the concerns of their geographic communities during Council deliberations.

The Deputy Minister of the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment is an ex-officio member of the Council. As well, James MacDonald of Sydney acts as Secretary and Chief Executive Officer.

Membership of the Environmental Control Council changed drastically during 1988 because of the expiration of various appointments, as noted below:

DISCIPLINE	NAME	EXPIRY DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Academic	Douglas Hale Waterville	April 30, 1988
Agriculture	Rodney Banks Kingston	November 20, 1988
Conservation	David R. Roberts Bedford	January 8, 1988
Engineering	Paul Buxton Annapolis Royal	October 27, 1987
Fisheries	Gabriel D'Entrement Lower West Pubnico	February 26, 1988 (resigned)
Forestry	Richard Rawlins Hantsport	April 30, 1988
Health	Ron Durling Bridgewater	April 30, 1988
Industry	Stephen Craig Lower Sackville	September 30, 1988

DISCIPLINE	NAME	EXPIRY DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Labour	Alex Hines New Waterford	April 30, 1988
Legal	Harry Munro New Glasgow	June 30, 1987
Municipalities	Harry Cook Bridgewater	September 30, 1988
Members at Large	Melbourne Blinn Little Brook	January 31, 1989
	David MacGibbon New Waterford	September 30, 1989
	Morris Haugg Amherst	October 22, 1987
	Sylvia Lawton Dartmouth	September 30, 1988
Executive Members		
	Morris Haugg Amherst	October 27, 1987
	Paul Buxton Annapolis Royal	October 27, 1987
	Sylvia Lawton Dartmouth	September 30, 1988
New Appointees		
Academic	Margarite Lloyd South Berwick	April 3, 1990
Conservation	James Harrison Dartmouth	April 3, 1990
Engineering	Michael McGill Truro	April 27, 1990
Fisheries	Crosby McLeod Port Mouton	June 30, 1990

DISCIPLINE	NAME	EXPIRY DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Health	Dr. E.B. Skinner Pictou	April 27, 1990
Labour	Cecil Wilson New Waterford	April 27, 1990
New Executive		
	Margarite Lloyd South Berwick	April 3, 1990
	Dr. E.B. Skinner Pictou	April 27, 1990
	James Harrison Dartmouth *Chairman*	April 30, 1990

As of December 31, 1988, there were five vacancies left to fill on Council before the minimum requirement of twelve members can be met. It is recommended that these be filled as quickly as possible because it is expected that environmental issues in 1989 and the years beyond will increase the work of the Council.

Staff support for research and program development, as well as office services, is provided by the Department of the Environment.

FUNCTION OF COUNCIL

As set out in the Environmental Protection Act, the function of the Environmental Control Council is to:

(a) recommend to the Minister policies, planning and programs related to the preservation and protection of the environment

(b) review and appraise programs and activities of other persons, government departments and agencies in light of their impact or effect upon the environment and make recommendations to the Minister—including but not limited to—environmental guidelines for their use

(c) consult and co-operate with other government departments and agencies having duties and responsibilities in relation to the environment

(d) enquire into and report to the Minister upon any matter pertaining to the preservation and protection of the environment

(e) recommend to the Minister regulations and standards for the preservation and protection of the environment

(f) appoint standing or special committees and may delegate to a standing or special committee such authority as the committee requires to perform its functions and duties

(g) perform such other acts and duties as may be assigned to the Council by the Governor-in-Council or the Minister.

MEETINGS

The Council held three meetings in 1988, all in Dartmouth, while the Executive met twice.

Council Meetings

June 19 & 20	Dartmouth
September 11 & 12	Dartmouth
December 11 & 12	Dartmouth

Executive Committee

June 19	Dartmouth
September 11	Dartmouth

12th Annual Assembly of Canadian Advisory Councils

The council was represented at this Assembly in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, by Sylvia Lawton, Margarite Lloyd and Harry Cook. Informative and interesting workshops were held on:

- water resources; uses and allocation
- water resources; policy and development
- public education

An invitation was extended and accepted to have the Environmental Control Council host the 13th Assembly in Nova Scotia in the autumn of 1989.

National Task Force on Environment and Economy

Members of the Council attended a reception for the National Task Force on Environment and Economy.

ACTIVITIES AND STUDIES

Task Force on Hazardous Waste Management

Howard Windsor, the manager of the Hazardous Waste Section of the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment, gave two presentations to the Council on the initiatives taken and the progress made toward implementing the 51 recommendations put forward by the Minister's Task Force in its report of April 1987. The Council was pleased to learn that 31 of these recommendations have been put in place and the section is working toward implementation of the rest.

Environment 88/89

The Deputy Minister of the Environment, Armand Pinard, described the achievements and the planned initiatives of the department and answered questions on the various programmes.

Council's Function

The Executive Secretary, James MacDonald, outlined for the new members of Council the history, composition, function and responsibilities of the Environmental Control Council.

Environmental Assessment and Review Process

Janice Forsyth, Solicitor for the Department, reviewed with the Council the recent changes in Nova Scotia's legislation, with particular reference to the drafts of the new Assessment Act and Regulation.

Essay Competition

The Council sponsored an essay competition in the Junior High Schools on "Pollution".

The three winning students and their schools were:

— John Bishop, Grade 9, Woodhill Junior High School, Sydney
— Joseph Renze, Grade 8, Sheriff Junior High School, Sydney
— Bobbi-Jo Morrison, Grade 7, Sheriff Junior High School, Sydney

They will be awarded prize money and a Certificate of Merit in 1989.

National Task Force on Environment and Economy

The Executive Secretary of the Council, James MacDonald, has been appointed as representative on the Round Table set up as a result of recommendations from this Task Force.

Ministerial Orders

During 1988 the Council received and acknowledged copies of the following Ministerial Orders:

SAYSF Developments Ltd.—Sackville, January 15, 1988
Crandell Developments Ltd.—Sackville, January 15, 1988
Casavechia Construction Ltd.—Dartmouth, January 26, 1988
Twentieth Century Developments Ltd.—Halifax, February 16, 1988
Montebello Developments Ltd.—Sackville, May 10, 1988
Econo Transmission Ltd.—Sackville, May 11, 1988
Sackville Radiator Ltd.—Sackville, May 11, 1988
Town of Berwick—Berwick, June 24, 1988
South Shore Sand and Gravel Ltd.—Chester, June 30, 1988
Canchem Incorporated—Hammonds Plains, September 22, 1988
Scotia Protan Marine Ltd.—Woods Harbour, September 30, 1988
Irving Oil Ltd.—Enfield, November 22, 1988

The Council decided that a mechanism using a conference call within five days from issuance of any order and involving the Executive would give a more efficient method of dealing with these, under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act.

Environmental Awards—1987

The ninth annual Environmental Awards were presented by the Minister, the Honourable R.J. Thornhill, on March 9, 1988. A number of M.L.A.'s attended the ceremony in the Red Chamber of Province House and Premier John Buchanan expressed the appreciation of the Province of Nova Scotia to the winners.

Awards were presented in the following categories:

Business/Industrial

Award: — Pine Grove Park Arboretum
Bowater Mersey Paper Co. Ltd.
Liverpool

Certificate of Merit:
- Nova Scotia Power Corporation
  Tuft's Cove, Dartmouth
- Liverpool Recycling

Government

Award:
- Town of Antigonish

Certificate of Merit:
- Ian Travers, Environment Canada
- Jack Leydon, Nova Scotia Department of the Environment

Honourable Mention:
- Hazardous Waste Task Force

Education

Award:
- Bell Park Outdoor Education
  Halifax County

Certificate of Merit:
- School for Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University

Professional

Award:
- Robert P. Bancroft
  Antigonish

Certificate of Merit:
- John MacGregor, Land Resources Co-ordinating Council, Halifax

Citizen Organization

Award:
- Women's Institute of Nova Scotia
- Tusket River Environmental Protection Association

Certificate of Merit:
- Environmental Management Committee
  Dartmouth Chamber of Commerce
- Cape Breton Correctional Centre (staff)
- Whitney Pier Citizens' Committee

Individual

Award:	— Bernie Hart, Dartmouth — Cyril K. Coldwell, Wolfville
Certificate of Merit:	— Emile Gautreau, Amherst — Mike and Elaine Kew, Boutilier's Point
	Youth
Award:	— 1st Aldershot Scout Troop and Venture Company
Certificate of Merit:	— Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps L'Ardoise

Environmental Awards for year 1988:

Nominations for awards for the year 1988 have been requested and final review by the Selection Committee of the Council will be carried out in February, 1989. Awards will be presented on April 5, 1989.

The Council decided that another environmental award will be instituted for nomination in 1990 for projects regarding sustainable development.

Halifax Harbour Clean-Up Review Committee

A major project for the Environmental Control Council in 1988 was the formation of a committee of Council to review the Single Regional Sewage Treatment Plant Proposal for the clean-up of Halifax Harbour.

This Committee began work in May 1988, and held discussions with various federal and provincial agencies. As well, oral and written submissions were encouraged and received from interested individuals, groups, organizations, and agencies.

The Review Committee's draft report was reviewed with the Council in December and the report was sent out for printing in mid-December 1988.

The report will be sent to the Minister for forwarding to the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission which initiated the request for the study and review of the project.

Education

The Council hopes that various educational materials and activities regarding the environment can be co-ordinated with such groups as: Ecology Action Centre, Institute for Resource and Environmental Studies, and Community Planning Association.